

THE BOY SCOUTS ARE WORKING

Examinations in the second-class Boy Scout requirements are to be held at the headquarters at Rockville, Va., Saturday, November 1, according to an announcement made yesterday afternoon by Scout Commissioner Martin. The following Saturday examinations in the first-class will be given. Mr. Martin has not yet decided where the latter examinations will be held.

Mr. Martin yesterday sent to the national headquarters in New York city a request for thirty-five merit badges, tests for which were taken by scouts during the summer months. All of the applications were approved by the local council. The badges should reach the scouts within the next week or so.

Arthur A. Carey, chairman of the committee on sea scouting of the national council, has written to Mr. Martin to inquire the extent of the activities of the Washington Boy Scouts in that line during the past summer. Mr. Martin furnished him a detailed account of the sea scouting undertaken at the summer camp on the Chesapeake bay and told of the instructions being received by the local council at the National Naval Academy. Mr. Carey also asked for a description of the motor boat Boy Scout.

Accompanied by Field Secretary Leonard, Scouts Fred Reed and Marshall Deshields, and the Boy Scout Band of Troop No. 24 of Congress Heights, Scout Commissioner Martin went to Alexandria Friday night and attended the annual meeting of the local scout council there. The annual report of the council showed an enrollment during the year of 295 members.

Several sales were made by Alexandria Boy Scouts and the Congress Heights Band played several pieces. Mr. Martin made an address on the accomplishments of the Boy Scouts of America the past year.

A committee representing the local council visited the camp site on the Chesapeake bay Monday to consider the advisability of purchasing it. They were accompanied by K. W. Woodward of the forest service.

Friday morning Mr. Woodward and two fellow-employees of the service returned to the camp site to make an estimate of the timber it contained. They carried a tent and cooking outfit and probably will remain till Tuesday morning. A complete estimate of the amount of timber on the fifty-eight acres of ground and its value will be prepared.

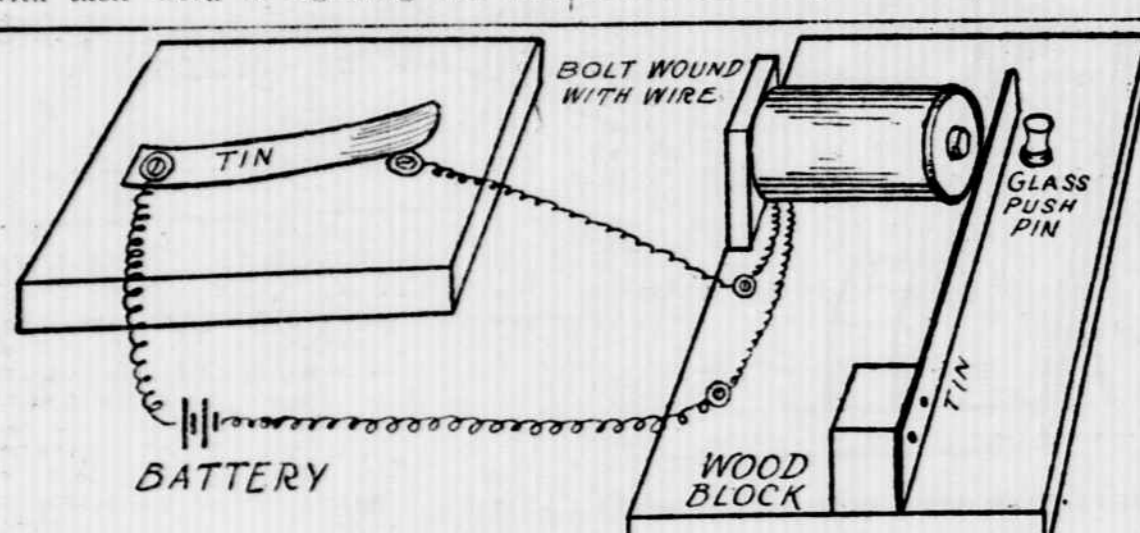
A motion picture machine and 1,000 feet of film are to be given to the troop selling the greatest number of tickets for the photo-play, "The Making of a Boy Scout," which is to be shown in this city the week of October 26-28. The pictures will be exhibited in the hall at the immaculate Conception Church Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and the remainder of the week at Ingram Memorial Church.

The machine to be given the winning troop is a one-hundred-and-twenty-five-dollar apparatus. One is to be given to the winning troop in each city where the films are to be shown. Each troop will be furnished with a different 1,000-foot film. An agreement will then be made between the troops for the exchanging of the films. In this way those having the machine will be able to show a different film at each weekly meeting.

The new Chevy Chase, Md., troop, which probably will be officially known as Troop No. 1 of Chevy Chase, held its first meeting last night at the home of its scoutmaster, J. H. Dellinger. The troop already has a membership of twelve.

The registration of scouts under the new system adopted by the national headquarters is progressing rapidly. Already several troops have sent to local headquarters the new papers properly filled out with the names of their members. By this system the local headquarters will be able to keep a complete record of the organization.

The motor boat Boy Scout, which is the property of the local council, is being thoroughly overhauled in readiness for next summer's work. The hull is being strengthened and the roof made stauncher. Several new pieces of machinery are being put in and all leaks stopped, and the engine is being overhauled and all parts tightened up. The craft is to receive several coats of paint before being covered up for the winter.



A SIMPLE TELEGRAPH SET THAT CAN BE MADE AT A COST OF A FEW CENTS.

much enjoyment in fitting up a short telegraph line in their homes or in the rooms used for their troop meetings. Not only can a great deal of amusement be had with such a line, but its use will prepare a scout with a good foundation for entering the telegraph business as a means of earning a livelihood later on.

The purchase of a set of telegraph instruments is something far beyond the reach of the pocketbooks of many boys. Following are directions for making a simple key and sounder which will cost but a few cents. The main cost will be that for a battery. A dry battery costing 25 cents will do the work. This is what is needed:

Two strips of tin cut from an old can or cracker box, or two steel corset stays which have had the paper and cloth covering removed, a piece of wood on which to mount the apparatus, an iron bolt about two or three inches long, several screws, twenty or thirty feet of insulated bell wire and a glass push pin. The diagram shows how the apparatus is made. The "sender" or "key," as telegraphers call it, is shown in the left-hand picture. It is a strip of tin, or corset steel, screwed to the board and so curved that its other end will not touch the bolt or screw. The "sounder" is made by pressing down this free end until it touches the bolt. The effect of this is to make a dash. The effect of this is heard upon the "sounder" shown in the right-hand picture.

First, fit a washer cut from a piece of thin wood or thick cardboard on the bolt, close against the head. This washer should be about 1 1/2 inches in diameter. The other end of the bolt should pass through a block of wood about two inches wide and three inches long. The wood should be about 1/2 inch of an inch thick. The insulated wire should then be closely wrapped around the bolt between the washer and the wood. Leave until there are ten or twelve layers. The wire ends of the wire free. Paste paper around the magnet thus formed or from becoming loose. The magnet should then be fastened to a small piece of board which is to serve as the base for the instrument. It will make a much better job if a piece is cut in the edge of the board just large enough to receive the block which should be held securely in place with a screw or nails. The magnet should not extend more than 1/2 inch from the base. About an eighth of an inch away put a

nail in the board, or, better still, a glass push-pin. Another strip of the tin, or corset steel, fastened to a block of wood and placed as shown completes the instrument. A twenty-cent dry battery gives you the necessary electricity. Now connect it all up by running a wire from one post of the battery to one of the wires around the bolt; another wire from the other end of the bolt coil to the back of the sounder and the open end of the key, and another from the screw at the base of the key to the other post of the battery. This makes a complete path for the electricity, except that it is broken by the open end of the key.

Round-head screws with brass washers will make good connectors or binding posts for the sounder. Each end of the local wire from the magnet should be twisted around one of the screws beneath the washer. The wires leading from the battery and key can then be connected, whenever it is desired to set up the instruments, by giving them a half turn or so about the screw beneath the washers, which should be held firmly against the base by tightening down the screws.

When you press the key down it completes the circuit; the electricity flows around the iron of the bolt and makes a magnet of it and it pulls the tin over to it with a snap that can be plainly heard. As soon as the key is raised again the flow of electricity ceases, the bolt no longer a magnet, so releases the tin, which flies back against the glass push-pin with another plainly heard snap. These two snaps of the tin are the conventional click-click of the telegraph instrument, and the length of the interval between them tells how long the sender held the key down—in other words, whether he made a dot or a dash.

One dry cell is strong enough to make a practice instrument such as shown here. If, however, you want to use another instrument at the other end of a large room or in another room in the house, two or three cells will be necessary, depending upon the length of wire you intend to "send" over.

The Boy Scout editor has received the following communications from troop scribbles:

Troop No. 39.

Members of this troop will start on an over-night hike Saturday morning. We will hike to a camping site about a mile or so west of the American University grounds, our scoutmaster, Mr. Vernon Bailey, will be in the evening and stay over night with us. We plan to return to our homes about 10 o'clock Sunday morning. The boys are to go on the hike as Charles Wright, Norris Gaddes, Roger Gessford, Edward Comey, Radford Brown, Orville Walsh, Devere Weedon, Samuel Syme, Noble Simpson and Robert Chamberlain. They will sleep in sleeping bags and will cook with their regulation scout outfit.

The hike will be the last the troop will be able to take for several weeks, as Mr. Bailey will be absent from the city. Mr. Bailey is to go to Arizona on business in connection with his work at the geological survey.

Capitol Heights Troop.

Troop No. 1 of Congress Heights, which has just been organized, held its first meeting Friday night at the home of Scoutmaster E. H. Hamilton. Dr. Ross McKenzie has promised to instruct the members of the troop in first-aid work. The troop now has a membership of thirteen, another new member having been elected at the meeting Friday night.

Troop No. 21.

Members of this troop made their usual visits to the Naval Battalion Sunday afternoon and Monday night. There were forty-eight scouts in attendance Sunday afternoon. The boys tried their hand at handling the thirty-foot whaleboats.

Monday night the scouts listened to a lecture on steam and the steam engine, delivered by Chief Gunners' Mate Elsom of the United States Navy. A small compound engine was used for demonstration purposes.

Thursday night our scoutmaster, accompanied by Scouts Howard Derrick and Kenneth Harries, visited Troop No. 16 at Ingram Memorial Church. Scoutmaster Harries gave the boys a talk and

the visiting scouts demonstrated rope-tying and semaphore work.

Friday night Mr. Harries and Scouts Derrick, Gosson, Lloyd and Clinton Alford, visited Troop No. 32 at Iowa Avenue M. E. Church. Instruction in rope work and semaphore was given at the request of the scoutmaster of the troop, Rev. Clarence E. Wise.

Saturday members of the troop, accompanied by members of Troop No. 32, hiked to Arlington, Va. The members of the bicycle patrol rode their wheels. The other boys rode as far as the Aqueduct bridge and then hiked the remainder of the way.

Troop No. 16.

Under the leadership of Assistant Scoutmaster Grodes, Troop No. 16 went on a hike last Saturday night. We left our headquarters, Ingram M. E. Church, at about 7 o'clock, and "hiked" to Apollo Springs in Randle Highlands. On our way there we met a couple of U. S. Marines, one of whom blew a good many calls on a bugle carried by one of the boys.

On arriving at the springs a fire was built and supper prepared. After the meal a flag game was played, half of the boys leaving the camp to return later on and try to capture the flag, which was defended by the other half. One of the boys tried to build a fire with two matches, but did not succeed. We started for home about 10:30 o'clock. Soon after leaving the springs we started to trot—that is, all except one member—the fat boy of the troop—who contented himself with hobnobbing. "Wait for me, wait for me." Four of the boys ran from the springs to the city side of Pennsylvania Avenue bridge, arrived there in about twenty minutes ahead of the rest of the troop.

There was no meeting Tuesday night and there is not likely to be any more held on Tuesday because of the opening of the gymnasium on that night.

The meetings held on Friday night heretofore will be held on Thursday from now on. Last Thursday night Mr. Martin and Dr. Leonard visited our troop headquarters and gave us tickets to sell for the moving picture to be shown here soon.

The commissioners of Cecil county, Maryland, have awarded the contract to build a concrete bridge over Stony run creek for building a concrete bridge over the creek for \$1,200.

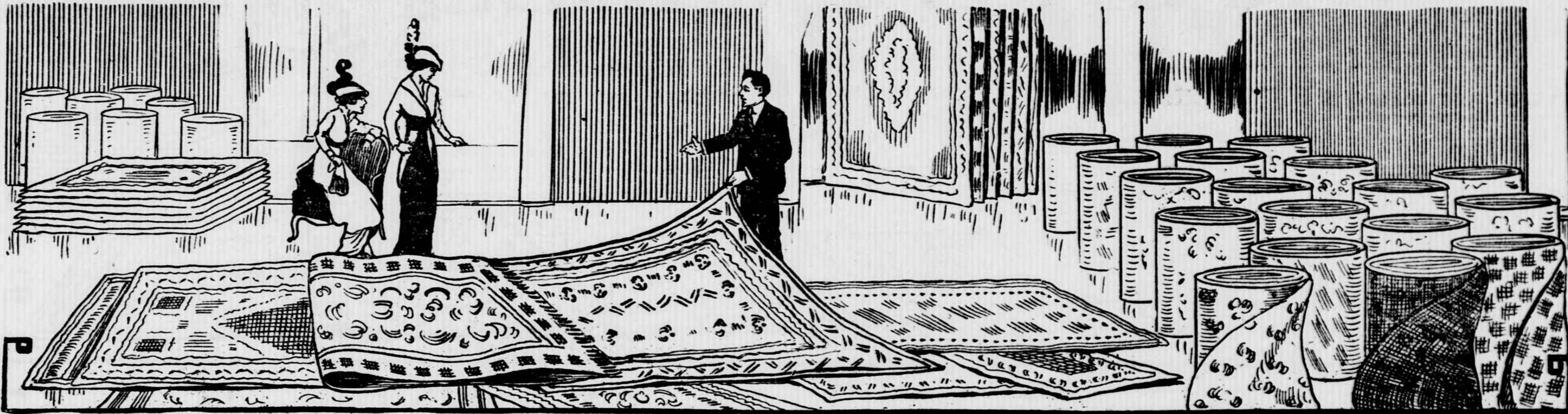
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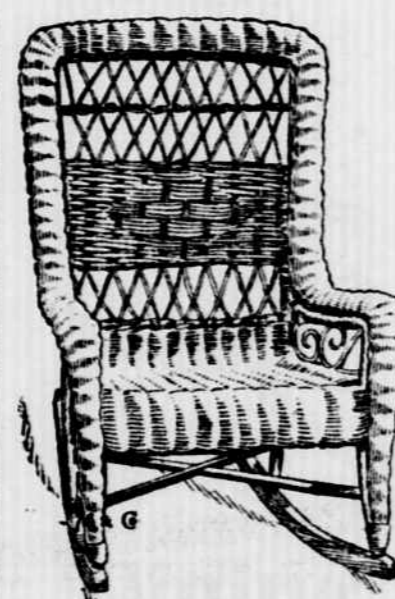


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Handsome Everlasting Fern in Brass Jardiniere With Mirror Reflector.

69c

This is a real fern which is treated by a process which keeps it permanently in its natural color and preservation. It is artistically arranged in a brass vessel with feet, and is set on a looking glass reflector, brass rimmed. A very pretty ornament for the dining room or living room table.



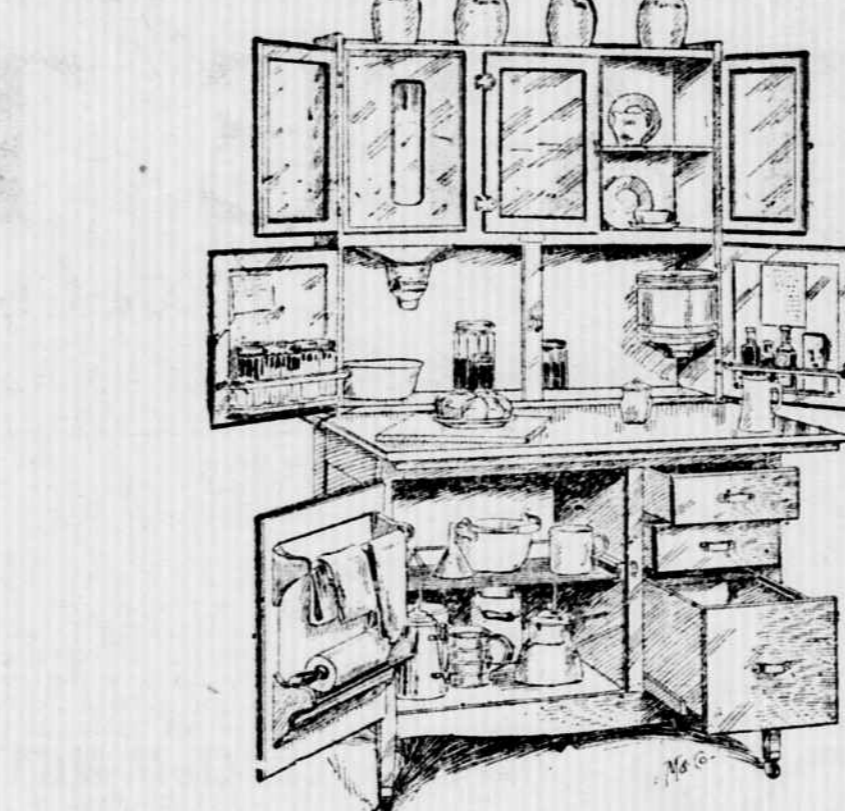
Dining Chairs
This Slip-Seat Golden Oak Dining Chair. \$1.98

Exactly like the cut to the right, this chair is a very attractive pattern in genuine golden oak. It has the new slip seat, upholstered in leather, and is well finished and polished. When you consider strength and serviceability as well as appearance, this chair is what a value it is at the above price of \$1.98 net.



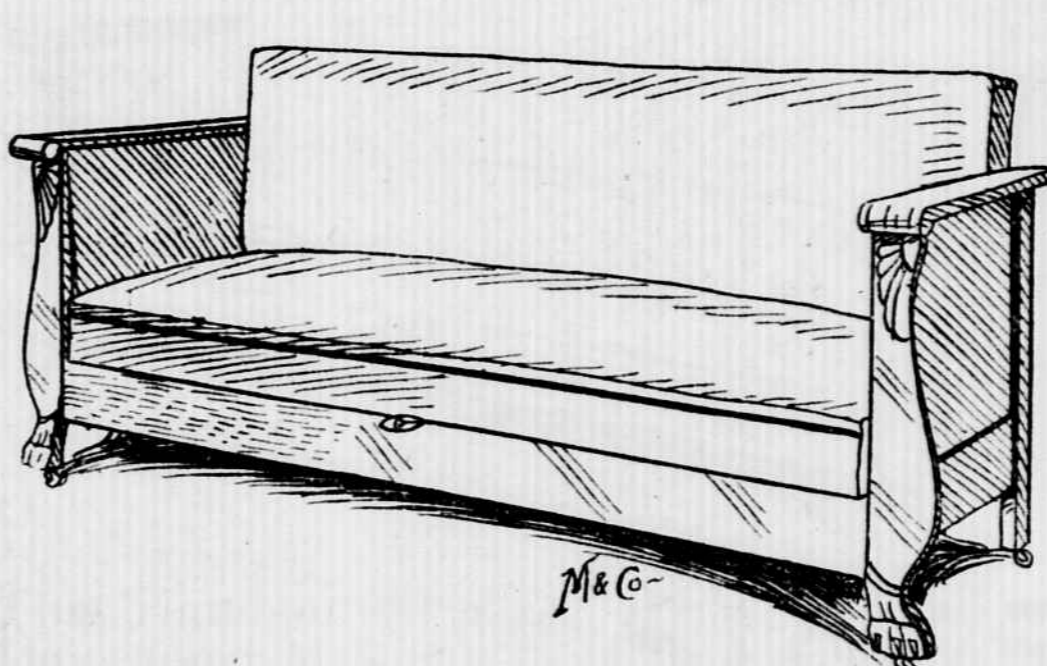
Hastings Dining Tables
This Solid Quartered Oak Hastings Table. \$31.00

There are many makes of dining tables, but the one which stands above them all is the Hastings. These are made of only the finest selected oak, and cost no more than ordinarily good tables without the special Hastings features. This six-foot extension table, with a forty-four-inch top and attractive claw feet, is thoroughly made of genuine solid quartered white oak of handsome grain, and is finely polished. It has the Hastings features of removable top, Tilden top and leaf locks, steel-bearing slides and ball-bearing casters.



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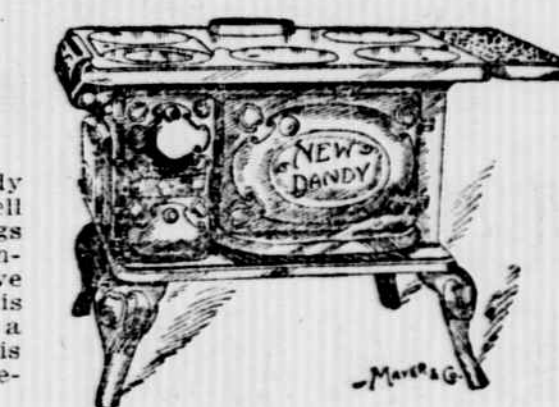
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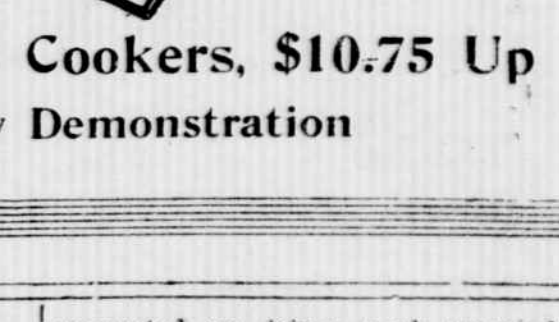


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FISHING VESSEL LAID UP.

Capt. Faunce Not to Resume Operations Until Next Spring.

Capt. Jake Faunce, master of the Washington-owned fishing schooner Mary and Rebecca, has laid his craft up in Aquia creek and has returned to this city with his crew. The vessel will be left idle for several months and will probably not start fishing again until in the early spring. The laying up of the Mary and Rebecca leaves no fishing boats in service on the river, the other fishing craft having gone into winter quarters several weeks ago. The supply of fish received

by the dealers here from the river will now come from the trap-net fishermen, who will keep their nets in the water until the coming of cold, ice-making weather.

The new fishing boat, the launch Mary N., belonging to Capt. Faunce of this city, which left here about two weeks ago on a fishing trip, worked her way down the Potomac and along Chesapeake bay to the James river, where, it is stated, she will remain until next spring. The fish she catches will be shipped to the market here.

SCHOONER RUNS ASHORE.

Old Trader to Local Port in Distress on North Carolina Coast.

An old trader to this city, the three-masted schooner Greenleaf Johnson, is ashore on the North Carolina coast and is in danger of being lost. The vessel sailed from Wilmington, N. C., for New York with lumber, but stranded in bad weather and at last report had seven feet of water in her hold. Wrecking vessels will be sent to the aid of the schooner. The Johnson is owned at North Amboy, N. J., and Randolph Longstreet is her managing owner. She is a vessel of 300 tons register and is 141.5 feet long. She was built in 1891 at Bridgeport, Conn.

The four-masted schooner John Tench, which was abandoned by her crew, who were taken into New York by the steamship Kinross, was picked up by the tugboat cutter Seminole and towed into Southport, N. C., where she is held to await the orders of her owners, Harrington King & Co. of Boston. The schooner is loaded with lumber and was on her way from Jacksonville to New York when abandoned. She is leaking, but is said to be well worth repairing and restoring to service.

STEAMER MADE MODERN.

Newport News Gets New Boilers and Will Be Refurnished.

Four new boilers have been installed on the steamer Newport News of the Norfolk and Washington line fleet of this city at a Baltimore shipyard, where she has been for a month to be modernized. The new boilers, each of which weigh thirty tons, were built by the Harlan & Hollingsworth Corporation at Wilmington, Del., and were sent to the steamer at Baltimore, through the canal on lighters. The boilers are now being connected up, joiner work renewed and machinery overhauled as rapidly as possible, in order to get the vessel back to this city and ready for service. It is stated that when the Newport News returns she will be practically a new vessel, as her interior arrangements are being remodeled and she will be refurnished throughout.

The old wooden berths in the state rooms of the vessel will be replaced with modern sanitary iron berths.

His Brand.

From the New York Sun.
Knicker-What are your politics?
Booker—I am a Unionist.